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100 dozen Ladies' Hose, POSITIVELY FAST BLACK, 25c a pair.
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 25 dozen Ladies' Ribbed Vests, (silk fronts), 37½c each.
 50 dozen Gents' Gauze Vests, 25c, long and short sleeves.
 25 dozen French Balbriggan Vests, 37½c each.

Extra value in Gent's White Shirts:

50 dozen 4-ply linen bosom, reinforced back and front, continuous stay bands, at 39c each.

25 dozen laundried, 75c each.

50 dozen laundried, extra quality, \$1.00 each.

15 dozen Satin Shirts, (beatiuful styles), 75c each.

10 dozen French Madras, \$1.00 each.

10 dozen Black, (silk finished Batiste), \$1.25 each.

60 dozen Boy's Outing Shirt Waists, 25c each.

50 dozen Percale shirt Waists, 25c each.

20 dozen Gent's Night Shirts, plain and fancy fronts, 50c each.

15 dozen Gent's Night Shirts, plain and fancy fronts, 75c each.

15 dozen Gent's Night Shirts, (embroidered fronts), \$1.00 each.

100 dozen seamless Half Hose, 5c a pair.

We have secured the Agency for the Domestic Sewing Machines, which is the Best Machine on the market, and can sell them at a large discount from list prices.

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CHARLESTOWN.

The Progress Made by This Thriving Town.

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., April 11.—[Special]—Your correspondent was somewhat surprised to find upon his arrival here that Charlestown was entitled to be classed with the boom towns of the great Shenandoah Valley. So quietly has the Charlestown Mining, Manufacturing and Development Company worked, very few people are aware that most satisfactory progress has been made in the acquirement of industries, and that no community has brighter prospects of rapid and permanent growth.

Charlestown was founded by Charles Washington, a half-brother of the "Father of his country," and is a town full of historic interest and the scene, as well, of that last tragic incident in the life of John Brown. But the people here are not living upon past memories. They are looking toward the future; "to the good time coming and not far distant," to use the expression of a citizen, and are in sympathy with the Mining and Improvement Company and its able and sagacious officers, who are laboring to convert this staid old town of 3,000 inhabitants into a manufacturing city with 10,000 in the next two years.

Col. R. P. Chew, the president of the company, was the youngest officer of his rank in the Confederate army. Joseph Fraynell, the vice-president, is a successful lawyer and farmer, and S. Lee Phillips, the secretary, is a merchant and manufacturer. Bushrod C. Washington, the manager, is a descendant of John Augustin Washington, a full brother of George Washington, first President of the United States, and is a born boomer, but so conservative is his expressions that the average listener would be slow to reach this conclusion. In partial proof of his conservatism we will take the liberty of mentioning the fact that a boom writer on one of the Roanoke papers (not the Times) published a three and a half column article on Charlestown, in which the statement was made that a certain industry had been secured, when, in fact, it was only the subject of negotiations. The company had subscribed for one thousand copies of the issue containing this letter, and the real estate agents several hundred, but as soon as Mr. Washington saw the mistake he gave orders that not a single one of the papers sent to Charlestown for distribution was to be allowed to reach the general public. This is indeed praiseworthy, and testifies the confidence reposed in him, and in his company, by the stockholders, as well as the citizens of the town.

Charlestown is surrounded by a magnificent agricultural section, capable of furnishing bread, meat and vegetables for a city of a hundred thousand people. It is only two hours' ride by rail to Washington, three to Baltimore, six to Philadelphia, twelve to Pittsburgh, sixteen to Boston and Cincinnati, and twenty-two to Chicago. The Norfolk and Western and Baltimore and Ohio railroads run through the town,

affording ample transportation facilities and the benefit of competition freight and passenger rates. Coal and coke can be obtained from either the Flat Top or Connellsville mines in a short time and at low rates of transportation, enabling manufacturers to compete with them of other valley towns and States.

Charlestown is by no means a dead or slow town. It is progressive, but heretofore the progress made was due solely to the demands of its agricultural patrons. No other trade was catered to, hence the growth of the place was not as rapid as where a larger market was sought and obtained. The streets are well graded and paved and lighted with far better gas than is used in bustling Roanoke. There are two banks, one a National with a capital of \$100,000; a foundry, three sash, door and blind factories, a brick plant, a tannery, two grain elevators, two cigar factories, machine and repair shops and several other industries in operation, not including those established by the Charlestown Mining and Manufacturing Company. The John Stevenson Female Academy, the Charlestown Male Academy and fine graded free schools for white and colored children are well patronized and will supply the educational demands of the town and section for several years to come.

We have briefly sketched Charlestown before the boom. It had naught to be ashamed of and much to commend. It was a pretty town, well supplied with water from living springs; the people more intelligent, refined, hospitable, well-to-do and happy, and a more delightful place of residence could not be found in the great valley of which it was a small part. What about "New" Charlestown?

There is only one land company operating here, and this we have already mentioned. It is capitalized at \$300,000, and owns 555 acres within and adjoining the town. There is no promoters' fund, and the officers and stockholders stand upon exactly the same ground. The company some time since determined to establish a number of manufacturing industries before advertising the lot drawing and sale, and it has made gratifying progress in this direction, as will be seen in the following paragraphs.

The first industrial plant secured and erected was the Shenandoah Brass and Iron Works. Forty men are at work with so many orders booked ahead that it has been found necessary to increase the force to 100.

The buildings of the Charlestown Glove Factory, now in course of erection, are designed to work 100 girls and women who will earn from \$5 to \$15 weekly in wages, according to speed and skill. Buck, goat, sheep and dog skins will be used in the manufacture of working and driving gloves. The skins will be bought in the rough state and finished by a process owned by the company and said to be superior to any now employed for that purpose.

A large three-story brick building, 30 by 170 feet, with a basement, is going up and will be used by a company for the manufacture of harness of every description. Sixty hands will be employed at the start.

Besides these, a rim factory which will furnish material for every kind of vehicle and a woolen mill have been secured, and a plant for making road machines is practically assured.

The company is preparing for the

erection of Hotel Powhatan at a cost of \$50,000 and a \$12,000 office building. Ten dwellings and a \$5,000 business block have also been let to contract. "As soon as the weather opens up," several investment companies will begin building on an extensive scale, and before the end of the year several hundred new residences and business houses will have been completed and occupied by the owners, or renters, at a rental which will insure the owners a satisfactory profit on their investment.

Is there a foundation for Charlestown's boom? Yes, and it is solid. On every side there is iron which analyses from 50 to 60 per cent. The soil is rich and in productivity it has doubled since the war with a yearly decrease in the quantity of fertilizers used. Several tobacco manufacturers of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, hold stock of the Mining and Improvement Company and contemplate engaging in the culture and manufacture of tobacco at Charlestown. They assert that the soil here is adapted to the raising of tobacco of fine quality and this fact will no doubt lead to the establishment of plug and smoking tobacco factories in the near future.

We could write many columns about this favored locality, but a few more sentences must suffice for the present. The list of stockholders of the Mining and Improvement Company is an interesting study to the newspaper man who is familiar with the requisites to a genuine boom. The list is made up of capitalists from Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and other Southern and Eastern States and the Dominion of Canada. So Charlestown has advertising agents in nearly every State in the Union, as well as in other countries, and they are not idle. Letters of inquiry by every mail prove that these stockholders are talking the advantages and resources of the place. Advertising pays, and Charlestown will reap a golden harvest from it.

JAMES A. PUGH.

Everything Musical!

We have just ordered a large and well-selected stock of sheet music, small musical instruments, musical merchandise, etc., to add to our beautiful line of pianos and organs, which we sell at factory prices and on very easy payments. So in the future we will be prepared to furnish you with anything in the music line from a five-cent Jew's-harp to a thousand-dollar piano. Call on or write to the old reliable piano and organ firm of the Hobbie Music Co., 108 Salem avenue, Roanoke, Va., Lynchburg, Va., and Knoxville, Tenn.

C. R. Gilbert handles Smith's steel roofing, the cheapest roof in town.

On and after March 9th we will close our store at 7 p. m. We do this through consideration of our employees. Heretofore they have been working from fifteen to sixteen hours per day, which is more than we intend to ask of them. We hope our friends and the public generally will bear in mind our closing hour (7 p. m.) and make arrangements to do their shopping accordingly. Jos. COX, E. M. DAWSON, manager. m5-tf

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Do you know who handles Smith's Steel Roofing? It will pay you to find out? mar11-lu

THE OLD NORTH STATE.

What is Going on in Virginia's Neighbor State.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., April 11.—[Special]—The lieutenant governors of North Carolina have generally been very fortunate in being promoted. The office did not expire until 1868. In 1871 Caldwell succeeded Governor Holden, served two years, and was then elected Governor in 1873, he died in 1874, and Lieutenant Brogden served out the term. In 1879, Z. B. Vance was elected to the Senate when Lieutenant Jarvis served out the term and then served a four years' lease of his own. In all six Governors have been elected since reconstruction times, and four of the lieutenant governors have succeeded to the office of Governor. Should Governor Holt, who succeeds the lamented Fowle, serve to the end of the term, January, 1893, the four lieutenants will have served eight years altogether, or one-third of the period of twenty-four years since the office of lieutenant governor was created.

Salem will hold an election on the first Monday in May to vote on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$50,000 for town improvements. The work of putting up the poles for Winston and Salem's telephone system is about completed, and it is expected now that the system will be in running order in a few weeks.

There are some fine coal and mineral lands reported along the line of the Roanoke and Southern railroad in Rockingham county. Stokes county also has some fine iron mines, and your correspondent learns to-day that it is quite probable that the Danville and East Tennessee Company will build a road up the Dan river, near this iron region, on to Mt. Airy. The lands are owned by a company of gentlemen, who have just had English mining engineers of high standing to test their property, and they report it the richest section of magnetic iron in the South.

The geological survey of North Carolina will begin in June and will probably be started in Ashe county. This will be the reason that the United States will in that section begin the work on its new topographical map of North Carolina. The government will work together, and as soon as spring opens a well-equipped corps of government geologists and engineers will take the field. For years the government has been desirous of an opportunity to co-operate with the State in a survey of the great mineral region of the west, which is considered one of the most prolific on the continent.

The State auditor is securing lists of names of county advisory boards, who are regularly appointed to aid in the work of ascertaining what persons are entitled to receive pensions. These boards are composed of ex-Confederate veterans, five in each county.

The commissioners of Buncombe county have just ordered an election to be held May 25th in four townships, including Asheville, on a proposition for these townships to subscribe \$200,000 to the capital stock of the Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore railroad. The object of this movement is to secure railroad communication between Asheville, Weaversville and the northern county line.

A number of towns in the State are

raising funds and making bids for the establishment of the State Normal and Industrial School for Girls.

The Roanoke and Southern Railroad Company has purchased two new passenger coaches and two new engines for their road. The former have already arrived while the latter are expected in a few days. The schedule for regular trains between here and Martinsville was announced to-day.

Winston and Salem were flooded with ducks a few hours before day yesterday morning. Where they came from or what brought them here is a puzzling question, but several sportsmen arose in time to make the feathers fly and have wild duck for dinner.

A New Firm.

Mr. J. H. Cutchin, who recently retired from the firm of Cutchin, Ellis & Co., has organized the real-estate firm of J. H. Cutchin & Co.

Mr. Cutchin came to Roanoke last fall from Eastern Virginia, and by his enterprise, energy and ability has become a recognized leader among the real-estate men of this city.

Mr. Cutchin is vice-president of the Real Estate Exchange. The firm of J. H. Cutchin & Co. will no doubt do a good business.

T. C. Oakley, the well-known and reliable contractor and builder, respectfully solicits a liberal share of patronage from those wishing buildings erected. Estimates furnished and work done on short notice and satisfaction guaranteed. Oakley can be found at 534 Salem ave. s. w. mars-1mo

The greatest offer ever made. The weekly edition of The Times for one year and your choice of either Dickens or Waverley novels complete for \$2.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

A list of letters remaining in the postoffice at Roanoke, Va., for the week ending April 11, 1891.

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Allen, Tom.
Bruch, E. A.
Bull, C. B.
Crenay, N. G.
Canady, Jim.
Coppins, C. B.
Carter, W. J.
Dillard, Thomas.
Edmundson, J. T.
Fox, Geo. L.
Farg, Chas. H.
Gaskin, L. S.
Garnor, Albert.
Gangle, R. E.
Gibson, Fred.
Gaskin, L. S.
Headington, H. M.
Huston, James.
Hick, W. J.
Kinzy, Robert.
Lacy, I. L.
Magruder, Harry.
Mathew, Alonzo.
Mason, Martha (2).
Nelson, Maggie.
McLaughlin, W. T.
McDonald, P. F.
Noblin, Willie.
Peters, Edward.
Pannell, Ham.
Peters, John.
Robson, Walter.
Hobey, J. T.
Smith, Woodson.
Sanders, William.
Steinmuller, Will H.
Sharpes, R. E.
Shelton, M. W.
Taylor, J. G.
Terrell, Samuel (2).
Tompkins, J. H. (2).
Vick, Joseph.
Williams, L. W.
Williams, J. W.
Workham, Geo.

LADIES' LIST.

Brown, Dom.
Borland, Mary.
Bull, C. B.
Deane, Lula.
Elliott, Martha.
Jones, Sophie (2).
Johnson, B. L.
King, Lella.
Layman, Delia.
Lanington, Leana. (2).
Morgan, Martha. (2).
Phlogar, Emma.
Reeves, Amanda.
Riley, Florence.
Statham, Alice.
Turner, Marie.
Trader, Ida.
Quill, Jennie.
Returned from Hotel Roanoke:
Atkinson, W. H.
Alshire, C. L.
Bailey, Joseph.
Booker, H. C.
Berry, George.
Clapham, Thomas W.
Smith, Emily.
Holland, W. A.
Pitzer, Missouri. (2).
Priar, W. Horace.
Stewart, Watson.
Sanders, Joe.
Persons calling for letters will please say they are advertised.
A. S. ASHCROFT, P. M.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

The Montgomery Presbytery will convene in Salem next Tuesday evening, the opening sermon to be preached by Rev. Dr. Shepperdson, of Bedford City. The Presbyterian Church in Virginia is devoting special attention to the work of home missions, and this work will be largely discussed by the Presbytery.

The Presbyterian Church of this city is winding up the affairs of the ecclesiastical year just closing, and the annual meeting of the congregation will be held Monday night, when the reports on the progress of the work of the Church will be submitted.

At a meeting of this congregation Wednesday night it was decided to erect immediately a new church near the corner of Gilmore street and Commonwealth avenue, in the northeast section of the city. The new church will cost \$5,000 and will have a seating capacity of 600.

Messrs. J. G. Kuykendall and R. B. McClellan have been elected deacons of the Presbyterian church.

The annual services will be held at the Presbyterian church to-day.

The contract for the erection of the new Episcopal Church and rectory on the corner of Elm and Jefferson streets, which is to cost \$40,000, will probably be awarded to-morrow night, as a meeting will be held for this purpose.

A large part of the foundation for the new \$40,000 Lutheran Church at the corner of Commerce and Church streets is completed and stone cutters are at work preparing the material for the walls.

The work on the First Baptist Church is moving forward rapidly. The walls are complete and the roof is on. The inside work is being done.

Lee Street Methodist Episcopal Church is to be considerably improved. Services will be held in the city churches to-day as follows:

Trinity M. E. Church South—Preaching in THE TIMES building by Rev. J. W. Duffey at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday-school at the usual hour.

M. E. Church South, Greene Memorial—Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Rev. T. M. Jones. Sunday-school at 9 a. m.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrews' Catholic Church this morning at 8 and 10 o'clock. Rev. Father Lynch officiating. Sunday-school will be held at 2 p. m.

There will be services at St. John's Episcopal Church at 11 a. m. and at 4 p. m. to-day, conducted by Rev. Dr. Meade, pastor.

Reformed Church, Rev. Lewis Reiter, pastor. Services in the Wright block at 11 a. m. All are cordially invited.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church—Worship this morning at 11 o'clock. The "Feeding of the Five Thousand" will be the subject of Pastor Hufferd's sermon. Sunday school conducted by Superintendent H. S. Trout, at 10 a. m.

Second Lutheran—Services to-night at 7:30. Sunday school at 3 p. m.

Rev. O. F. Flippo will preach in the First Baptist Church to-day at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday-school at 9:30 a. m.

Mission school over "Bee Hive" in East Roanoke at 3 p. m.

A Treat to the Postoffice.

Mr. P. L. Terry treated the postoffice force to a box of fine Florida oranges yesterday.